

The Republican city ticket is above re proach in every respect and it will be elected from top to bottom.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell knows how to swing the ax well. He is the ideal Democrat of the administration-an Adlai Stevenson sort of an official, only more so.

Burgard has telegraped Attorney General Little that he wants to talk before the investigating committee. Where is this thing to stop? In the name of common decency there has been enoughtoo much-of it already.

Of course noboby suspects that there is any connection between the circumstances, but the fact that the registration of women in Kansas City last week was the largest ever had there, and the occurrence of two murders committed by women in the city within the week is something of a coincidence.

The Salina Herald, the leading Democratic paper of Central Kansas, has an fiscal revenue that belong to a tariff for idea that equal suffrage will wipe up the revenue only." These sources are thus Republican party in Kansas. If the Herald really believes what it says it ought by all means encourage the destructive fad, instead of inveighing the basis of last year's importations. against it as it does.

The Populist candidate for mayor of Topeka has withdrawn from the race, it is said in favor of the independent candidate. The Democrats are calculating, though, upon their candidate's receiving the bulk of that vote. The name of the capital city's next mayor will be Jones, all right, but his front name will not be

Hovey charged the county \$1,000 for selling \$20,000 worth of bonds, when he was not even authorized to sell them. If restitution; but let's wait until he is heard from before judgment is pro

removes from the public arena one of prominent editor's of the country. Under his control and direction the New York Mail and Express had become one of the foremost Republican papers of the country. He will be sadly missed by his party and country.

There is liable to be another war in Kansas, right away. Col. Daniel Au- prise on the part of the river people Miller, and if the latter doesn't fightwith his fabor-the public have placed a wrong estimate upon him. A brave man can stand a good deal, but the line is certainly drawn at being compared to Jim Legate.

The crineline boom has revived a little late in the age. There is positive danger in the hooped skirt from the modern forces almost unknown to the first years of this generation. It is declared by electricians that it will be extremely hazardons for ladies wearing crinoline to cross electric railways. If the hoops should become charged with the clusive

Whatever may be said in criticism of Secretary Carlisle and his financial policv, it cannot be said that he favors the fint idea. He rather subjects himself to the charge of being in sympathy with the monometalists in declining to exchange paper currency for gold. However, he probably thinks, in view of the abundance of both kinds of money in the country, that there is nothing to be gained in swapping dollars.

J. W. Reinbart, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, has issued a "New England Primer" of operations of the Atchison system. It is a book of seventeen pages and contains in a condensed form the information found in the annual reports of 1891 and 1892. Among the valuable statistical facts that it gives may be mentioned mileage, earnings, debt, expeses, assets, liabilities and facts concerning freight and passenger traffic. It is a handy little book.

The attack on the pension law and list is growing in Democratic papers. Here is the felicitous way the ex-Confederate editor of the St. Louis Republic talks of the veterans:

The promise of relief through the death of the pensioners is a fallacious one. They have no intention of dying, When every one else now alive is dead there will still be pensions to pay on account of the civil war. There is no reasenable doubt of this. Nothing promotes health and longevity like a pen-

The published report of specie movements for the last week shows that the safe majority of several hundred over tide is turning this way. This, and the all, but this circumstance alone will not other circumstance that Secretary Carlisle declines further offers of gold for paper currency in exchange, indicates that the flurry of the past month or two. that for a while promised to scare the goldengs of the east out of their wits- the community. Let no Republican if they were not shamming-has blown over, and the country is again settling known majority the party has and take down to its wanted placidity along that line, and prepared to do business with increased unction.

The Atchison Champion says: "The boodle investigating committee, it is said, will go to Kansas City. That would be carry the war into Africa." In another connection the same paper says: The shameful testimony of the witnesses in the Legate boodle investigation at Topeka bring the blush of shame to every honest face in Kansas. The cool effrontery of members of the Populist house in testifying to their own deals in offering to sell their votes for spot cash in a terrible arraignment of their own venality and cupidity. They are the men who possed before the people in the campaign last year as the apostles of "Purity" and "Reform." We hope they are not to be exhibited as models of political virtue.

The issue is just as dearly drawn and The shameful testimony of the witness

The issue is just as dearly drawn and on trial in Wichita as in Topeka or Kansas City, and the result of next Tuesday'. election will be taken as unmistakabl evidence of the sense of the people

· COWARDLY DEMAGOGY.

Secretary Carlisle, like Secretary lokesmith, makes a great display o virtue by dismissing a large number of clerks and other employes from his department, and sets up the same excuse for it, that is, they are not needed and, besides, there is no money at his command to pay the discharged people. The real purpose of this pretended econemy is to impress the country with the idea that the predecessors of these chiefs, Republicans, had employed an unnecessarily large number of persons simply to get as many personal and partisan friends on the pay roll as possible. The same trick was played eight years ago, but it took only a very short time then to fill the places of the discharged employes with partisan faith, and it will be done again. Such acts are the most cowardly demagogy.

TARIFF REFORM.

The Philadelphia Record asserts that as a preliminary step to attacking the McKinley tariff, new sources of revenue, which will yield about \$100,000,000 to the treasury, must be opened, and insists that this amount can only be raised by going "at once to those sources of pointed out: "First in the list is sugar, which at a duty of 11 cents a pound only would yield a revenue of \$50,000,000 on Next comes coffee, which at a duty of 3 cents a pound would yield \$18,500,000. Tea would produce \$4,500,000 revenue from a low duty of 5 cents a pound."

This is the prospect for tariff reform that confronts the 65,000,000 of consumers of three articles of every day consumption which, under the beneficial policy of Republican administration, have been so cheapened that they have become articles of necessity with many.

Gray county claims that ex-Auditor THE SANTA PE IN THE SYMNS CASE

From the Atchison Champion we learn that the Santa Fe Railroad company has the allegation is true Hovey ought to filed a thirty-eight page brief in the and no doubt will be required to make Symns Grocery company case. It is in connection with the Missouri river and interior jobbers fight, which everyone is familiar with. It was won by plaintiffs in the district court in Atchison and The death of Col. Elliot F. Shepard appealed by the interior jobbers to the supreme court, where it will come up in the strongest, most aggressive and May. The Santa Fe alleges that the action of the board of railroad commissioners was conclusive and that the Mis-

souri river men had no right to appeal. The Champion admits that the action of the Santa Fe is a surprise to the river people, "as the interior people tried to show in their argument that the railroads were against them." The admitted sur thony has placed a damaging smirch shows that they have regarded the railupon the escutcheon of Major Solomon roads as with them, and there is nothing in the Santa Fe's action in the premises to convince the interior people to the contrary.

BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO KANSAS.

Hon, John James Ingails in Harper's Monthly Magazine pays this beautiful and poetic tribute to Kansas: The Arabs say that he who drinks of the Nile must always thirst; no other waters can quench or satisfy. So those who have done homage and taken the oath of fealty to Kansas can never be alienated or foresworn. The love of the people for their state is not so much a vague sentiment fluid the Philadelphia Recordsays "there as an insatiable passion. The anniverwould be a halcyon and vociferous sary of its admission is observed by the hoels as a festival and holiday, with commemorative exercises. Days are set apart in spring by executive proclamation, to decorate the hills and road sides with trees, as a lover adorns his bride with jewels. The defects of climate and the disasters of husbandry are indulgently explained and excused as the foibles of a friend from whom better things may be anticipated bereafter, The wanderers, whom caprice or misfortune may temporarily banish, are recall. ed by an irresistible solicitation as they remember the bright aspect of its sky, which is like a smile, and the soft touch of its atmosphere, which is like a caress

Congressman McCreary has tendered to the president his resignation as a member of the monetary conference. He is the third member to resign, Senators Jones and Allison having tendered their resignations some time ago. The conference adjourned Dec. 19, to meet May 20, the respective governments agreeing. Mr. McCreary said that, while he was not at liberty to divulge in detail the captured in the Osage country. Lewis prospective action of this government on the question of another conference, he took upon himself the responsibility of saying that America having called the long as any one of the participating countries was willing to meet, American representatives would be appointed to represent this country at such meetings. It is expected that the same persons who represented the United States at the other conference will be requested to serve again if another meeting is held.

The registration of voters in the city shows that the Republicans have a good, elect the ticket. To register is an essential prerequisite, but it is only a duty half done. No good citizen has performed his whole duty until he has both registered and voted for the best interests of grow lax in interest and rely upon theit for granted that the ticket will be elected without his vote. The party expects, and its welfare demands, that evy member will do his duty on election day by voting the straight ticket and urging others to do likewise.

Chief Harris of the Cherokees has called a special meeting of the Cherokee legislature, March 28, today, to consider the bill recently passed by congress in relation to the Cherokee strip. If work is done quickly the strip may be opened by the last of next month, though it is not probable that it will be done so soon. Chief Harris and the leaders among the Cherokees are understood to favor the acceptance of the amended treaty and there is little doubt that it will be ratified without much

delay. Chandler, Edmond and Hennessey have been declared presidential postoffices, That means as many snaps for as many Democrats, right awar.

For the Eagle. CONTENTMENT.

We know God's ways are best, and yet We pian our lives with little thought About His will concerning us, Until our plannings come to naught. Tis then in discontent we pine Till later on we come to know God's plans were better far than ours; Believe me, I have found it so! We think to grasp some treasure rare, Or quaff the cup of joy complete: But find the baubles, nothing worth, And bitterness instead of sweet; For God this lesson bath prepared.

That He alone can joy bestow. The sooner learned, the hannier was Believe me, I have found it so! Contentment is a smooth, safe road, From which our feet should never stray; Whate'er betide we're still as ured Of walking in God's chosen way. And if He gives, or doth withhold, Still trusting as we onward go: For lo! His ways are always best; Believe me, I have found it so! ALMEDA E. WIGHT.

For the Eagle.

SPRING Expectant sunbeams softly crept About the threshold of each home, Where long-sequestered flowers slept, Tuen waited for them forth to co Impatient rain drops loudly knocked pon the door of every ceil,

With clamors that they be unlocked, And flowers freed from simmber's spell. Birds said: "Awaken! waken! wakel "Responsive to our eager call!" Warm south winds, also, sought to break The charm that held the flow'rs in thral

"I must arise," Miss Tulip said, "Although the night has not seemed lot "And don my gown of gold and red;
"I'm sure I heard a robin's song!" "I know 'tis morning overhead;

"I'll take an early peep around," Thought Crocus. Then she rose and led The way from chambers underground. Bright sunbeams kisse! her. Each glad bi Rejoiced in noisy canticles; And later-rising beauties heard The rain applaud the Crocuses, Who lead the long processional-

More grand than pageant of a king-Across savauna, hill and dell, To greet the coming of the spring. -MARY E. M. RICHARDSON.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

The foot ball team of Hennessey is hunting a victim to practice on. It has chalenged the Territory.

Rush Springs is being troubled with hogs and wants a law to shut them up. Better ship them up to Wichita and re ceive a fortune in exchange. The cyclone at Oklahoma City destroy

ed every bawdy house in the city, and now Guthrie wants one that will conduct it self in the same beneficial manner. A mad dog scare in Guthrie, Thursday aused a crusade to be inaugurated against

the canine species, and on Friday forty dogs, without regard to their guilt or in Saturday was observed as Arbor Day by the schools of Guthrie, a number of trees being planted on the grounds. The Capital says that of the 518 trees planted

last year, 349 areliving. Charley Couch, of Oklahoma City, the youngest son of Meshack Couch, and ephew of Capt. Couch, was thrown from a horse Friday at 11:30 o'clock, receiving injuries from which he died within fifteer

Governor Seay has received instruction from Washington to proceed to lay out counties and townsites in the Cherokee strip, preparatory to opening the territory, and work was begun yesterday.

The acreage of cotton in Oklahoma county will be more than double the acre age of last year. The Times-Journal says no larger fields will be planted, but almost every farmer will grow a few acres.

Small birds somewhat resembling the English sparrow and very foud of a wheatfield at about the time the wheat commenced to grow, are doing considerable damage to the growing wheat in some ocalities in Oklahoma county.

The Capital claims that the new iron iail in that city is one of the neatest cleanest, and best ventillated structures in Oklahoma. The county prisoners have just been transfered from the United States prison to the new jail. The number of prisoners at present confined in Vilas fortress is fourteen of which number seven are colored, and seven are white including Terrill and Bell.

The following cases are assigned for trial this week before the district court at Guthrie:

Territory vs. Harry Pulliam, March 27. Territory vs. William Waller, March 28. Territory vs. Frank Sheets, et al. Territory vs. George Warrenburg,

Territory vs. Frank Crane, March 29. Territory vs. George W. Day and Harry Strongh, March 50. Deputy United States Marshal Heck Thomas came in last night on the southbound Santa Fe train, having under arrest a man by the name of Lewis, who was has the reputation of being a bad man and when arrested was heavily armed with two revolvers and a big dirk knife. The Winchester rifle and shotgun stolen from the express car at Wharton on the conference there was no doubt that so night of Nov. 8, 1892, were in Lewis' possession when arrested -Guthrie Capital. The negroes in the vicinity of Center, Choctaw nation, it is reported, are becoming quite lawless. One evening recently : gang of them rode up to a settlers house and fired a volley through the window, fortunately doing no injury. It is such acts as this that render it occasionally necessary for the white people in some localities to arise in their wrath and hang a few negroes.-Purcell Register. conditions as those likewise render localities where they occur good points for

> EXCHANGE SHOTS. Kansas March.

pesceable and order-loving people not to

go to in search of homes.

March is blotting out the footprints
Where stern winter passed along:
He hath burnished bright the sunrise,
And inspired the red bird's sone;
He hath poured into the channels.
Dancing waters flecked with gold,
And hath swept the shinting crystals
From the thicket and the mold.
—Minnie Palmer.

Delightful Theme, The weather! Oh, delightful theme! There is a charm about you; When I am in society what would I do with-

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The frost, the snows,
The wind that blows,
The rain that falls,
The rain that falls,
The gusts, the squalls,
The lightning's flash,
The thunder's crash,
The midnight gale,
The rattling hall,
The grean and mean,
Of wild cyclone—
The weather! Oh, delightful theme! You've
won my admiration;
With you I'll never, never flag when plunged
in conversation.

The New Game Law.

grom the Lawrence Journal. The author of the new game law passed by the recent legislature, is re-ported as saying that he is receiving a great many letters which show that there is a general misunderstanding re-garding the terms of his bill. The bili es not repeal that provision of the | Christian at Work,

present law which makes it possible for persons to bunt upon the grounds of others if they have permission of the owners. "The new law," says its author, "simply makes it a misdemeanor to offer for sale prairie chicken and quail. They can kill for their same all that they can kill for their own use all that they want, and if they have the permission of the owner any one can kili. The object of the bill is to stop the reckless shooting of prairie chicken and quail which are of great value to the farmers because they destroy insects, bugs and other pests."

An Appeal for the Needy (?).

rom the Newton Kansan. New York is again soliciting aid from the public at large. There is an indebt-edness of \$25,000 on the Talmage tabernacle, and the poverty stricken citizens appear to the wealthy farmers of the west for money to pay it off. With \$8 hogs and 25 cent butter, the Kansas farmers are prepared to help the plutocratic paupers of New York in their extremity.

In Explanation.

From the Lawrence Journal. According to the dispatches, Secretary Mohler "has returned from a trip Mohler "has returned from a trip through the northwest," and is talk-ing learnedly about the wheat crop. Some people may wonder why it is that the secretary's trips are always "to the northwest." He lives up there, and when he visits his home he looks out of the car window at the wheat fields and strikes an average in his mind,

From the New York World It is no longer the custom to kiss upon the mouth. The proper method is to lay Your left cheeks together, young women You may succeed in kissing each other cheeks, or you may unexpectedly make the noise in the open air, having failed of the mark entirely, but in either case you will have filled the requirement of fashion at the present time, and you may therefore rest happy.

Cleveland on Offica, From the Topeka Capital,

Excepting for four years when he was a defeated candidate, Mr. Cleveland will have held office at the close of his present term for more than twenty consecu-tive years. He will have been a candidate for president at every election for twelve years, from 1884 to 1896, even assuming that he will not ask a re-election in the last named year. Yet he thinks one term enough for all the rest of the boys. Mr. Cleveland seems to be as rank a Cleveland worshipper as the Kansas City Star.

Down With Monopoly.

From the Emporta Republican. According to Reformer Burgard, Reformer McAleney lost "lots of money" during the recent session of the legislature by holding out for too high a price. If this is true, it is in direct conflict with the reform platform, which emphatically pronounces against monopoly prices. If McAleney does not deny this charge and his innocence, he should be establish cast into outer darkness

The Actual Truth.

The Leavenworth Times calls attention to the fact that Legate, McAleney and Burgard, three Populists, have each confessed that they have been engaged in giving and receiving bribes, and yet, so far as we have seen, not a Populist of a fusion paper has condemned either of them, but instead, the Topeka Press, the Wichita Beacon, the Arkansas City Dispatch, and all the rest, are overlooking their shameless confession of guilt and are using their testimony to blacken the characters of Republicans.

Lewelling's Idea

rom the Atchison Champler As soon as Governor Lewelling gets squarely on his feet, it is said, he will appoint an assistant attorney general for A wonderful structure is the human Atchison and close up every policy shop, foot, indeed. I knew a man who, gambling room and joint in the city. Several prominent Democrats and populists, it is reported, have assured the dent into a narrow space between governor that the only way to make some poles. When his foot was drawn Atchison surely "fusion" next year is to out, it hung helpless, toes downward. use the power given by the prohibition Observe what has just been said conlaw, so the folks will curse the Republicans for making it.

Boodler Mcaleney.

grom the Toneka Capital. Representative Burgard comes back at Boodier McAleney in a Washington in-terview in which McAleney is denounced as a blankety blank liar. Having admit ted that he offered his vote for \$5,000 McAleney has the burden of proof to show cause why he shall not be consider ed a liar as well as a boodler. Meanwhile the star-eyed goddess of Reform continues to flap her wings and smite the air with shricks of piteous agony.

Dr. Boyd and the President.

Dr. Gaston Boyd of this city is in Washington seeking the appointment of washington seesing the appointment of consul to Cairo, Egypt. He visited the president yesterday and the following is the telegraphic report of the interview:

"J. B. Couch of Hutchinson introduced Gaston Boyd of Newton to the president today and stated that Boyd was a candidate for consul to Cairo. The president stated that it seemed like everyone wanted to leave the countrr, and he could see nothing wrong with this country, and would like to know the reason, and after a slight pause he observed: 'Oh, you are from Kansas, are you?"

Boyhood of a Great Man. When a mere boy the late Justice Lamar was apparently so dull that his mother was in despair of his ever be coming anything at school. A relative, to whom she confided her fears, took young Lucius in hand and catechised him as follows: "Can't learn Latin, eh?" "No, sir." "Or Greek?" "No, sir." "Or mathematics?" sir." "What do you do in your debating society?" "Oh, I talk to the members I don't find that very hard." "Then, sir, go back to school and learn how to talk, and how to talk well."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A little San Francisco girl who, in all her six years, had never seen a snowfall, was so delighted at the rare sight of one that, loath to lose them, she collected a lot of the fair-like flakes into balls and carefully deposited them under the kitchen range for safe-keeping. An hour later a dejected little figure crept into mamma's room, sobbing bitterly: "The snowballs have burst." she walled, "and all the juice has run out of them."-Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Can't Be Spared.

The head of a large mercantile house was looking for a lad whom he could trust to fill a responsible place. Several were recommended, and of one it was said: "He's just the person, but he can't be spared from his present position." "Then," replied the gentle-man, 'that's the boy I want." There was a volume in the remark. Take the hint, boys, and make yourself so valuable to your present employer that other men will desire your services.— AN INDIGNANT SCHOLAR.

Such a herrid jogafry lesson! Cities and mountains and lakes, And the longest crookedest rivers, Just wriggling about like snakes. I tell you I wish Columbus Hadn't heard the earth was a ball, And started to find new countries That folks didn't need at all.

Now wouldn't it be too levely If all that you had to find out
Was just about Spain and England,
And a few other lands thereabout.
And the rest of the maps were printed
With pink and yellow to say. "All this is an unknown region W here bories and fairies stay!"

But what is the use of wishing Since Columbus sailed over here,
And men keep hunting and 'sploring
And finding more things every year.
Now show me the Yampah river,
And tell me, whore does it flow?
And how do you bound Montanal
And Utah and Mexico?

THE WONDERFUL FOOT.

Here Is a Story of Children Who Realty "Our bone family numbers twenty-

six, making fifty-two bones, in the pair of us," said a foot, a girl's foot, out beneath the summer sky, where young feet like to stray.

It talked on. "We are called Right Foot and Left Foot, to be sure, but

there is not the same distinction between us as between the hands." "Because," spoke up a hand, "your chief work, of walking, is done on

equal shares." "My bones," said this foot, and it ought to know, "are arranged in three groups-back, middle and front bones. seven short and thick bones form the heel and hinder part of the instep. Above, where the foot is jointed with the two bones of the leg, lies a dice-shaped bone, resting partly on the heel-bone, which is the largest of the foot bones. In front is placed a boatshaped bone; next are three wedgeshaped, and the outer bone."

Here, the hands had more to say: "It is interesting to note that your toes are joined in the manner our fingers are. "There is a general resemblance in the structure of feet and hands," the foot agreed. "I was about to say that the kindling." five comparatively long bones slope gradually from the instep to the balls

"The object of many bones united," explained one of the hands," is that they may yield under pressure, moving a little upon one another. A foot com-posed of a solid bone would be very stiff

and awkward, and easily broken. Still instructing, the foot stated that upon the form of the instep depends much of its owner's ability to walk well, do standing work, or run and jump. A high arch serves the purpose of a brace, such as builders put in frames to render them strong and firm. When a little child gets on his feet too soon, while these bones are soft, there is danger that they will settle and cause the misshapen weak ankles and "flat

"Adelaide Somers, are you dreaming?" cried a voice.

The girl started up from where she sat leaning against a tree. "Why, Selwyn! I was just waiting for you to come and begin our lesson,

she replied. The young students now found the place in a book on physiology which they had, and read that the ankle has really three joints; one by which the foot is bent or straightened on the leg, one that permits the foot to swing in ward and outward, and one which favors the movement of the fore part

cerning the first joint of the ankle

With the aid of a crutch made from a sapling, the unfortunate man hobbled a mile to his home, in great pain. A doctor ordered a poultice "Isn't the ankle out of joint, doctor?" asked the man's wife.

This doctor thought that might be the case, but in his ignorance said: "The small bones there are put in as carelessly as you would throw a handful of nuts to a child." Now even children ought to know

better than that. From time to time other doctors came and left salves and liniments, and tortured the patient with bandages. He suffered from the time young apples were no bigger than peas, till they had swelled full size and were ripeaing on the boughs.

At last, when the man was expected todie of his hurt, they brought from a distance a famous surgeon. You would not have known for a foot the thing he placed in a warm bath-so swollen and red, almost purple. The doctor sat by the couch and rubbed the limb gently, to reduce the inflammation.

This was at noon, and two girls and a boy came in from school, sober and silent, and looked up at their mother inquiringly. She told them the good news, that their father's ankle had been set. The skillful doctor, while directing his patient's attention to the harvest of golden pippins on a tree before the window, had snapped the bones

into place before he knew it. The children forgot their dread of the doctor, exclaiming: "We are so glad, "No, good doctor! If you hadn't come, we should have had no dear papa in a little while."

We are sure the surgeon in that moment feit repaid for his faithful study of the anatomy of the human foot. Does it not seem that the bone children were merry at being able to live in their shoe again?-Lavinia S. Goodwin, in Our Little Men and Women.

HE WAS WILLING TO SHOVEL How a Young Man Started on a Career of Marked Success.

To be willing to begin at the bottom is the open secret of being able to come out at the top. A few years ago actually bought something."-Boston a young man came to this country to Transcript take a position in a new enterprise in through the ice Dick left the summit of the hill and went spinning down the slope before the other boys could detain Swift as the wind he sped down the slide and flew out across the ice. He was light of weight, but even under his sled the ice bent and cracked.

The watchers from the hilltop at most held their breath in apprehension, as they followed the brave little fellow with their eyes; but he crossed the dangerous place in safety and reached the solid ire beyond. His sled moved more slowly, and finally struck the op posite shore.

He staggered up the bank and ran to There was plenty of assistthe mill.

with ropes and timbers the men quick-ly rescued Harry from his perilous

As for little Dick, he fainted quite away when the excitement was over, and was taken home with Harry in a sleigh. Everyone in the village was loud in their praises of the little fel-low's bravery, but what gave Dick the greatest pleasure was to hear Harry

"Dick a coward? Well, I guess not! Why, he's the plucklest little chap you ever saw. I tell you, I'm proud to be his brother."—W. Bert Fester, in Sunlight.

MAMMY'S RULE.

It Was to Have the Disagreeable Tasks "Clear out, you little darky!" "Home with you. We don't want

Dick Thurston made no reply, but, swinging a pair of skates high in the air, he burst into a perfect roulade of melody.

His one weapon of defense was irre

sistible; and whether he trilled like the birds of the forest or sang the qualit old negro songs his grandfather taught him, the village boys were silenced when he chose to have it so.

As soon as skates were strapped, the river, with its sparkling icy coat, was a scene to delight the eye. Suddenly, when the jollification

seemed at its height, little Dick, after a piroutte no other boy dared attempt, struck out for shore. "What's the matter, Dick?" "Where are you going?" shouted the boys.

"Goin' home to get a liekin', an' I must run. "What for?" "What do you mean?"

shouted one and another. "'Cause mammy said if I went on the ice before she said so, she'd whip me; an' she allus says, 'When you got a hard thing to do, Dick, do it quick an' have it over;' so I'm goin' to cut an' take it."

"Hurrah for Dick!" cried one of the jolliest of the crowd. "If you've got a hateful old thing to

do, why, do it. I'm going home to split "There'll be a splendid moon to-night, and I'll be back," he called to those he

left behind. Fred Danforth looked at Tom, and Tom looked atchim. "That miserable little imp!" uttered one; and then they both laughed rather faintly. But

they pulled off their skates. As soon as they reached home, one 'went at that horrid composition," that was usually dreaded and postponed till it became a veritable pightmare, while the other, who "always studied his algebra last, because 'twasn't any use any way, and he didn't see why a fellow need learn," was, as he told-his mother, "hard at it, to have it over, like Dick's

Mrs. Danforth, who had often told her boys to "have nothing to do with that low-lived colored boy who brought home their laundried clothes," was not only amazed at the unusal spectacle, but she herself could not but think of dreaded duties, and in a few minutes was at the door of a bed-ridden woman, on whom she had said she would never

call except for decency's sake. The visit so soon followed a previous ne, and was so totally unexpected. that the sometimes neglected old lady was almost amiable, instead of in her

usual exasperating mood. The girls who were skating-but it would be quite impossible to tell you all about it in this little space, sides, the end is not yet. But if you will follow the advice of Dick's "mammy," you may be sure fyou will make the world better and brighter for ha ing lived in it.-Ned Owen, in S. S.

Times. JOURNEYINGS OF ROYALTY.

DURING her visit to Florence Queen Victoria will occupy the Villa Palmieri, where Boccaccio once lived. LORD CRIEF JUSTICE COLUMNS, of

England, will probably visit this coun try during the world's fair. The Archduke Francis Ferdinand, of Austria, has been hospitably entertained at Calcutta by Sir Charles Elliott,

the lieutenant governor of Bengal. King Christian and Queen Louise of Denmark have announced their intention of spending a couple of weeks in London with the prince and princess of Wales after Easter.

Tue shah of Persia, who has 10,000. 000 sterling stored in his palace, has been borrowing a sum from the state to defray the cost of his summer outing to the distant provinces of his empire. His suite comprises 10,000 people, including 300 wives.

THE duchess of Edinburg will soon go to St. Petersburg for a few weeks' visit to the emperor and empress of Russia and in the spring will go on to Bucharest, where she will stay for some time with Prince and Princess Ferdinand of

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

A REQUIREMENT. - She-"They haven't hung your picture up yet, have they?" He-"No." She-"What are they waiting for?" He-"A balloon."-Judge. CLERK-"Madam, is this the cash boy

that took your parcel?" Customer-

"I think not, for he was about the age

of that boy when he started with it."-Inter Ocean. CHARTISEMENT .- Mrs. Chessersmy daughter is very fond of the piano.

Mrs Caustique-"Indeed? Then why does she pound it so hard every morning?"-Chicago Tribune. FIRST STATESMAN-"I can truly say that no man ever sought to bribe me. Second Ditto-"Oh, well, I wouldn't be

discouraged. Your luck may change

some time or other."-Boston Transcript. Fogo-"My wife is getting to be awfully absent-minded." Figg-"Yea?" Fogg-"She went shopping yesterday and in a moment of forgetfulness she

ITCHING HUMORS

SPRING VERSES. One : ta Time One at a time the me muring raindrops p On drowsy pools with an incessant chims Till, lot an ocean, ere the cloudlets scatter-One at a time.

One at a time the shimmering sun wander Adown to earth fr a yonder cloudless clime. Till lowilest moun sin-tops are smit with

One at a time. One at a time uprears the master builder Stone upon stone vith borny hands agri Till shoot aloft the tires that bewilder— One at a time.

One at a time the shiftle swiftly flying Flings thread on the end like threes of thre bing rhyme, Till glows the tapest ; with hoes undying-One at a thme

One at a time each patient, mute endeavor Is forging of motor august, sublime, influence shall be felt foreve

-W. C. Richardson, in N. E. Magazine Life's Pilgrim. Like those who travel eastward through the

We journey on along Life's devious way: Behind as each a shadow hastes eth. And suddenly, ere we are quite aware, Lo! at our side a presence mute is there To be our fellow to the door of death! At last, the journey done, night falls again; And with the shadow we lie down to rest, And slumber peacefully upon earth's breast —F. D. Sherman, in Harper's Weekly.

The Brook Through the fields and woods he go Melody is all he knows! Listen! he is singing now To the bird upon the bough, Teaching her new tricks of song That shall gladden us crediong. Minstrel of the meadows he: All he knows is meledy! O'er his path the grasses green Day and night in rappure lean; And the lilies, tall and white, Tremble with his song a delight Now and then a happy limb Drops a leaf to honor liter; Drops a leaf to honor lifts;
You may often see them lis
On his breast as he goes by,
Singing something strangely swee
Which the winds alone repeat Song for him is everything

He's a poet and must sine -Frank D. Sherman, in N. Y. Independ Sleepy Song. Now the day is growing long Baby needs her sleepy song: Siecp, bye, bye, Siecp, bye, bye, Sleep, my baby, my own.

She will droam that day is nights Sleep, bye, bye, Sleep, bye, bye, Sleep, my baby, my own. Closer shut your eyes of blue, Let no ray of light peep through: Sicep, bye, bye, Sieep, bye, bye, Sleep, my baby, my own.

Folded in her blanket white

When the day is growing long, Baby needs her aleepy song Sleep, bye, bye, Sleep, tye, bye,
Sleep, my baby, my own.

-Cora A. Matson, in Good Housekeeping

The Mirror. Take thou the glass, and when thereis Thou look at thyself to see, Remember that my constant heart As well reflecteth thee. The glass will show thy face its twin; The truer heart of me show as well thy counterpart,

If that then distant be The glass will let thy image fade When thou art faraway: Wherever thou may at stray.

And since I keep so true, fair maid,

Ab! let me hope, some day. That theu wilt use me as thy glass And bid me ever stay.

-Basil Tempest, in N. E. Magazine Beginnings. O mighty, mighty river, flowing down so deep With the mills upon thy fingers, and the ships upon thy palm!

Tell me why thou never fallest, never growest weak and small.

But with ever-swelling current bringest down
thy wealth to all? Quickly then the river answered: "Praise the

little mountain spring. Ever sparkling, ever gushing, for the precious Far away among the forests, where the m There the mill hums in a crevice, and the ship swims in a pool."

James Buckham, in Harper's Young People.

Shadows Shadows come and shadows go All the world is full of shado Many hardly deem them so, And pursue them, two and two In the spring time, through the meadows

Pleasure, fortune, glory, fame; Failing them, the quest renewing After shadows, just the same. Shadows come and shadows go: Serrow does not stay for ever: Time rolls on with one Pleasures pass: but so does wos: Go thy way, complaining never. —James Rock, in Chambers' Journal

All mankind are seen pursuing-

the met me with a smile benign, fine masten with the eyes diviga. Thought I: "Ob, that she were miga? I longed to say: "My heart is thigh." was a verdant, lockless beau.

Bather Too Practical.

How should I make the maiden knee With my whole heart I loved her see Dure I by words such feelings shead That o'er her face a color thrue, lender and beautiful to rue

It touched my soul like falling don With upturned face and streaming eyel I kneed, but all my courage fives."
I whispered: "thou art good and wyes." She answered: "Rise, and take a chair,

I will my wedding suit prepair; I'd like a diamond ring to wair, That all may know this everywi I rose, I spoke: "My feelings weigh Upon my reason; if I meigh. I'll think this over carefulleigh." I thought: I never set the deigh.

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